



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 630**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6486

*House of Representatives, April 24, 2013*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES OF ADDRESSES FOR ELECTORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 9-35 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (e) In any case in which the registrars have obtained reliable  
5 information of an elector's change of address within the municipality,  
6 [they] the registrars shall enter the name of such elector on the registry  
7 list at the place where the elector then resides, provided, if such  
8 reliable information is the National Change of Address System of the  
9 United States Postal Service, the registrar shall change the registry list  
10 and send the elector a notice of the change by forwardable mail and a  
11 postage prepaid preaddressed return form by which the elector may  
12 verify or correct the address information. If during the canvass the  
13 registrars determine that an elector has moved out of [town] the

14 municipality and such elector has not confirmed in writing that the  
15 elector has moved out of the [town] municipality, the registrars shall,  
16 not later than May first, send to the elector, by forwardable mail, a  
17 notice required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.  
18 103-31, as amended from time to time, together with a postage prepaid  
19 preaddressed return card on which the elector may state the elector's  
20 current address. In the year of a presidential preference primary, the  
21 registrars shall send such notice not earlier than the date of such  
22 primary. If the registrar does not receive the return card within thirty  
23 days after it is sent, the elector's name, including the name of an elector  
24 who has not voted in two consecutive federal elections, shall be placed  
25 on the inactive registry list for four years. At the expiration of such  
26 period of time on the inactive registry list, such name shall be removed  
27 from the registry list. If such elector applies to restore the elector's  
28 name to the active registry list or votes during such period, the  
29 elector's name shall be restored to the active registry list. Such  
30 registrars shall retain a duplicate copy or record of each such notice in  
31 their office or, if [they] the registrars do not have a permanent office, in  
32 the office space provided under section 9-5a, and shall note on such  
33 duplicate copy or record the date on which such notice was mailed. In  
34 each municipality, any elector, upon change of residence within the  
35 municipality, may cause the elector's registration to be transferred to  
36 the elector's new address by presenting to the registrars [a signed  
37 request therefor, stating the elector's present address, the date the  
38 elector moved to such address and the address at which the elector  
39 was last registered] a new application for voter registration. The  
40 registrars shall thereupon enter the elector's name on the list at the  
41 elector's new residence; provided no transfer of registration shall be  
42 made on the registry list on election day without the consent of [both  
43 registrars] each registrar.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	9-35(e)
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which requires a voter to submit a new application for voter registration when seeking to register a change of address with the registrar of voters, has no fiscal impact. Under current statute, such voters must submit a signed request stating both the old and new addresses and the date of the change.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6486*****AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES OF ADDRESSES FOR ELECTORS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires electors who move within the same municipality and want to transfer their registration to their new address to submit to the registrars of voters a new voter registration application. Currently, they must submit a signed request that includes their new and old addresses and the date they moved.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (04/05/2013)